

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1-10 remain in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 have been amended to address formal rejections in the office action.

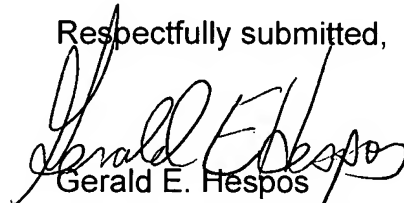
The original claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The Examiner noted a few instances where terms did not have proper antecedent basis.

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 have been amended slightly in accordance with the very helpful comments in the office action. These amendments are entered for purposes of patentability under 35 USC 112. However, the amendments are not narrowing in nature and address only formal issues.

The applicants and the assignee are pleased to note that the Examiner considers claims 1-10 to be directed to patentable subject matter. The Examiner indicated that each of claims 1-10 would be allowed if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the rejections under 35 USC 112 have been addressed. Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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